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FOR ACTING EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POLICY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S. AIR FORCE MANAGEMENT
TRAINING ASSISTANCE TEAM IN SINGAPORE

REF: SINGAPORE 0262

1. REFTEL SUBMITTED PROPOSED TEXT OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN MYSELF AND DEFENSE MINISTER GOH WHICH CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A USAF MANAGEMENT TRAINING ASSISTANCE TEAM IN SINGAPORE. ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TWO FORWARD FINAL TEXT WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE AGREEMENT. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOLLOWING LENGTHY EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN POST AND DEPARTMENT DISCUSSING POLITICAL PROS AND CONS AS WELL AS MILITARY BENEFITS OF THIS AGREEMENT. (SEE ESPECIALLY FOR 1975 - SINGAPORE 4845; FOR 1976 - KUALA LUMPUR 6687, SINGAPORE 1450, STATE 075520, SINGAPORE 1568, STATE 169517, SINGAPORE 3362, SINGAPORE 3461, STATE 213802, AND SINGAPORE 4704).

2. I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT ON BALANCE IT IS IN OUR BEST INTERESTS TO PROCEED WITH THIS AGREEMENT. AS MAJOR FACTOR IN MY JUDGMENT IS THAT THE GOOD WILL ACCRUING FROM OUR POSITION RESPONSE TO
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SINGAPORE ON THIS AND OTHER MILITARY-RALATED MATTERS PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO SECURING US TANGIBLE BENEFITS IN THE FORM OF STAGING DIEGO GARCIA C-141 SUPPORT FLIGHTS THROUGH SINGAPORE, ACCEPTANCE OF P-3 OVERFLIGHTS, A WILLINGNESS AT LEAST TO CONSIDER INDIAN OCEAN-RELATED P-3 STAGING, AND SINGAPORE'S POLITICAL SUPPORT IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT FOR THE U.S. POSITION ON SUCH ISSUES AS KOREA, PUERTO RICO, AND

GUAM, HOWEVER, SINCE THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT,
I RECOGNIZE NEW ADMINISTRATION MAY WISH TO REVIEW IT AT THE
POLICY MAKING LEVEL. IF SO I URGE THAT THIS REVIEW BE CONCLUDED
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT IN THE EVENT OF A FAVORABLE
DECISION THE PROGRAM CAN PROCEED AS PLANNED.
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